

rationale then for not supporting video slots. She's got all the rationale in the world. This Legislature chose, for whatever reason, not to authorize video slots. She says she is trying to regulate, and she admits she will not regulate anything with the bill as proposed. LB 1232 is a farce and a sham. Senator Vard Johnson, good God, Vard. Excuse me for invoking his name. You would stand here and say you take a carefully regulated industry, there isn't anything regulated about it. You have stood here on this floor and blasphemed, you have actually blasphemed one...two days after Easter. (Laughter.) You know there is no regulation, there is no control, there is no authentication, there is nothing except good guy here and good guy there. I just got a phone call, I won't say from whom, but a lobbyist. He says, the phones are going crazy, they're all up in arms, there is panic in the streets. Why? Why? Because the thieves are about to be corralled, ladies and gentlemen, (laughter) they are about to be put into a corral. Now, the good guys aren't calling. I'll tell you Frankie, and Teddy, and Joe aren't calling because they are fed up, they are fed up with trying to regulate an open pickle jar on the one hand and a box of cash in a cigar box on the other. How many of you would run your business that way? How many of you would run your business, "Vardo", would you allow in your law office for a cigar box to be there with the cash receipts for the day? Absolutely not. But you are asking 127 of my bartenders to do that. Now, either 1232 is to be a mechanism whereby you regulate and control, or else it is to be a sham. Now we have from time to time done that, but we have not done so, hopefully, knowingly and willingly and in a conniving manner. It is an amazing situation. This Legislature, as Pat said, she wishes she could go back and withdraw her vote on pickles. Can't do that apparently. But is there any reason why, number one, the customer shouldn't be protected; number two, the vendor should not be protected; number three, the legitimate distributor should not be protected, and the legitimate printer? We have, right now, 13 companies that I know of and the Department of Revenue knows of that are printing pickles in Nebraska. That is like having 13 people licensed to print dollar bills, no serial numbers, no identification, no nothing. And there is no law against taking a truckload of those illegal pickles down Highway 92, 81, any way you want to go, and just stopping at Frank's Bar and Grill and saying, do you want to buy a box of pickles for \$50 that you can retail for \$3,600, guaranteed all blanks. You want winners? Yes, we've got the bartenders special here, got all the winners